

# Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States—Vindication of the Constitution and Confirmation of the Democratic Opinion.

The question of the Constitutionality of the test oath, which has been before the Supreme Court of the United States, is understood to be decided by that body, though the announcement of the decision is reserved. The court, five to four are ready to pronounce it invalid and unconstitutional.

The effect of such a decision is very important, not only as effects a large body of officials down south, but as it determines the right of members elect to Congress. Whether the decision will go so far as to invalidate the test oath made the pre-requisite of suffrage, and required of preachers and teachers, and all other professionals in Missouri, is not known. Probably their validity was not brought to question by the arguments.

A not less important decision, so far as it vindicates the bill of rights in the constitution, and justifies the struggle of the democrats for its maintenance, is the case of Bowles Milligan, and Horsey, citizens of Indiana, tried by Military Commission. They were charged with conspiracy, giving aid and comfort to the rebels, inciting insurrection &c., as members of the secret order of American Knights, or sons of liberty, an organization got up and run by Government detectives, and on a trial were convicted and sentenced to be hanged. This sentence was commuted by President Lincoln to imprisonment for life. They petitioned the Circuit Court for a writ of habeas corpus, and the Judges of the Circuit Court being divided in opinion certified the cases up to the Supreme Court on the three questions: 1. On the facts stated ought a writ of habeas corpus to be issued? 2. Ought the petitioners to be discharged from custody? 3. Had the Military Commission jurisdiction to try and sentence the petitioners? The Supreme Court decided the writ should issue, the petitioners be discharged, and that the Military Commission "had no jurisdiction legally to try and sentence said Milligan and others in the manner and form as in said petition and exhibits are stated."

No reasons were given for the decision, the Judges announcing that opinions would be read at the opening of the court, on the first Monday in December next.

The decision of the court upon these questions is but the confirmation of the attitude of the democrats for the last four years. It shows that they were right; and their adversaries wrong.

On the recent question of the taxabilities of shares in National Banks, the opinions of the democrats have received the same corroboration. We believe that the legal tender act, if brought up before the bench on a direct question, would be in like manner condemned, and the opinions of "Constitutional" lawyers confirmed. Justice in these cases comes slow; but her march is sure. These decisions cannot remedy the past; but they throw safeguards over the future.

## ALL SORTS.

JOHN ADAMS' DIARY.—There are a great many interesting things in the diary of John Adams. Here is a story he heard at a bar dinner in Worcester, A. D. 1781. "The Duke of York was in a battle at sea; a cannon ball hit a man's head and dashed his blood and brains in the Duke's face and eyes. The Duke started and leaped out of the rank. The officer who commanded said, 'Pray, your highness, don't be frightened.' The Duke replied, 'Oh, sir, I am not frightened, but I wonder what business that fellow had here with so much brains in his head.'"

OLD AGE.—One will look long to find a better description of extreme age than the following, written in the year 1680, by Nathaniel Lee: "It is a danger of no kind that he dies, but tell him that he will live long—Even wonder at he has dropped so soon! Yet he seemed to wish for no longer years. Yet he lived on for ten winters more. Till, like a clock, worn out with beating time, The wheels of weary life at last stood still."

Last week two young girls of respectable families in Milwaukee, foolishly yielded to the romantic idea of borrowing their brothers' Sunday suits and looking about town to see how their beaus spent their time. In this guise a friendly policeman discovered them at an early stage of the freak, and took them home in great distress of mind, and under promise to put no more for such notoriety.

The rush to the Vermilion gold fields of Minnesota is unabated. The Superior Chronicle of the 20th, says that by stage, sled and dog-trains the gold seekers arrive daily. Private teams come in by twos and threes, and yesterday a party of about a dozen arrived by the lake-shore route from the copper mining district of Ontonagon, their mode of conveyance being dog-trains and snow-shoes.

This is the wisdom of a christian when he can solace himself with the comfortable assurance of the love of God—that He hath called him unto holiness—given him some measure of it and an endeavor after more; and by this may he conclude that He hath ordained him unto salvation.—Archbishop Leighton.

'Twas an unhappy division that was made between faith and works. Though in my intellect I may divide them, just as in the candle I know there is both light and heat; but yet put out the candle and they are both gone, one remains not without the other—so 'tis betwixt faith and works.—Selden.

Frequent and fierce is the devil in his attacks on all sides besieging our salvation. We therefore must watch and be sober, and everywhere fortify ourselves against his assaults; for if he but gain some slight vantage ground he goes on to make for himself a broad passage, and by degrees introduce all his forces.—Chrysostom.

I had rather be a good man's child, covered by his prayers, than the son of the first emperor in the world, undevoted and unblessed.—Sore.

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